

August 14, 2011 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

(order of worship on the large screen)

Sermon Outline

Seeing God from Behind (Exodus 33:12-23)

Introduction: *“Show me!” [In the USA Missouri is called “the Show Me state”]*

- I. WHAT HAD GOD DONE TO MAKE MOSES DOUBT HIM?
 - A. It was not what God had done
 - B. It was what the people of Israel had done (their ‘golden calf’ – Exodus 32)

- II. WHY DO WE SAY TO GOD “*SHOW ME*”?
 - A. It is not because of what God has done
 - B. It is because of our sinful nature

- III. BUT GOD WOULDN’T “SHOW” MOSES, & HE WON’T SHOW US
 - A. God did, however, let Moses **see Him from behind** (Exodus 33)
 - B. It wasn’t the “glory” Moses wanted, but it was what he needed
 - C. God shows us His true glory not in the way we may want, but in the way we need
 - D. Just look at God’s glory **from behind** in the person of Jesus (John 1:18; 2 Cor. 4:6)
 - E. God’s answer to our “show me’s” is always in Jesus!

Conclusion: *We say - ‘show me’ & God says – ‘Look at the cross of Jesus & you will see!’*